GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:615
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2003
DOMESTIC SERVANT RECRUITING AGENCIES
BHASKAR RAO PATIL;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that several domestic servant recruiting agencies are reported to have mushroomed in the capital recently as appeared in the Statesman dated April 9, 2003;

(b) if so, whether these recruiting agencies are flouting various labour norms;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(d) whether any norms have been prescribed for opening and registration of such agencies;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have investigated the functioning of such recruiting agencies;

g) if so, the details thereof; and

h) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

a) to h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 615 BY SHRI NARESH PUGLIA ANI BHASKARRAO PATIL FOR REPLY ON 5.5.2003 REGARDING DOMESTIC SERVANT RECRUITING AGENCIES.

It is fact that a report appeared in the Statesman dated 9.4.2003 under the caption `servant agencies flout all labour norms`.

Private Placement Agencies including Domestic Servant Recruiting Agencies are operating in various States/Union Territories. There is no system of granting permission/registration/recognition to such private placement agencies by the Government, excepting for Private Manpower Exporting Employment Agencies which come under the Emigration Act, 1983 and Labour Contractors who come under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and under Inter State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979. Such Agencies are small establishments employing less than 10 workers and fall within the purview of the unorganized sector. Cases of cheating, flouting of various labour norms, if any, are dealt with under the normal provisions of the law by the respective State/UT Governments.